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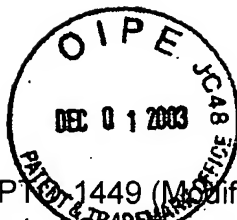
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U.S. Patent Documents

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—	AA	3,812,482	05/21/74	Clark
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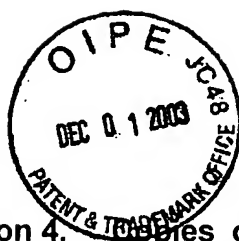
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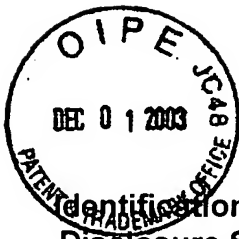
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